

## **Matters of interest from Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Nigel Smith, V. Chairman John Barker, Heather Rodwell, Joe Smith, Keith Slaughter, Carol Garrett, Berridge Eve, David Beale, Julie Pither-Jones, David Pither.

**Clerk:** Mrs Tracy Hunter

**By invitation:** Mary Dixon

**Apologies:** Patricia O'Brien, Andy Church

### **Declarations of Interest**

No new declarations declared.

### **Matters Arising from the November 2003 Meeting**

1. **Felixstowe South Reconfiguration:** Discussion took place regarding this matter and in particular to the problems of the Dock Spur Roundabout, noise and air pollution to residents whose properties border the A14 also with respect to the effect of increased rail traffic over the Thorpe Lane level crossing. The Clerk is to write to SCDC outlining the serious concerns of the Council.
2. **Bus Stop outside Reeve Lodge.** The Clerk reported on the latest developments and will continue to liaise with SCC with regard to the most appropriate place for the bus stop (in the Felixstowe direction) to be situated.
3. **VAT RE: Memorial Hall:** The Clerk reported on the advice that she had received from various sources and after discussion it was decided that the Memorial Hall should not be registered for VAT. The Council are appreciative of the work carried out by the Memorial Hall committee in the running of the Hall and that in future since the VAT element was no longer being reclaimed, that the Parish Council may be in a position to include in its parish precept, some sort of financial assistance, e.g. annual insurance premium.
4. **Parish Pump** – It was confirmed that the December newsletter had been duly prepared, printed and delivered. The Vice Chairman was thanked for his work in preparing this. A copy of the response to the Trinity Planning Framework that has been sent to SCDC had been included.
5. **Litter Bins** – It was suggested that a bin be placed in the vicinity of the lay by, just beyond the Link Road roundabout and the Clerk is to obtain prices for further consideration.

### **Community Police Officer Report**

- No report had been received but the Chairman advised that he had been informed of a break-in at the allotments in Trimley St Martin where equipment had been taken from sheds and also of an incident involving a caravan on land just near to Goslings Farm, which had been damaged as a result of fire.

**County councillor Patricia O'Brien sent her apologies** but had advised the Clerk that there was nothing to report this month.

**District Councillor Mary Dixon** confirmed that the Local Plan Review Task Group had postponed their meeting for this month as the figures for the housing allocation for this area had not been released and this was now scheduled for early 2004. There were also plans to

re-introduce the Parish Liaison Meetings but for the local ward parishes only and the agenda, prepared by SCDC, would include items regarding the local issues, put forward by the Parish Councils. This is likely to commence in the New Year.

### **Public Question Time**

- Points raised included poor lighting on the Barrett estate, which the Clerk will write to the appropriate authority accordingly.
- There are to be cycle racks placed at the Picnic site.
- The Bowls Club have arranged for ten tonnes of hogging to be put down on the parking area immediately in front of the Clubhouse as a temporary measure this winter until a permanent surface can be laid.

### **Correspondence**

- Amongst the items of correspondence was a letter from the Port of Felixstowe concerning the speed restriction on freight trains entering the Northern rail terminal – this having a “knock-on effect” which caused the Thorpe Lane Crossing Barriers to malfunction & stay in the down position. This had been previously raised with the Port at a recent meeting.

### **Planning Applications**

**CO3/1875** Proposal: Erection of one detached bungalow (amended scheme to previously approved under C98/1206) 14A High Hall Close, Trimley St Martin. Further to the comments of the Parish council, Councillor Slaughter had attended the site meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November and advised the Parish Council that as the size of the plot had been increased, it was possible the application would be approved. Decision awaited.

### **Planning Decisions**

**CO3/1954** Proposal: Erection of rear conservatory extension. Location: 147 Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin. GRANTED

### **Highways & Footpaths**

- The Clerk read out a letter from SCDC regarding the upkeep schedule of footpath signs and Councillors are to advise of exact locations where signs may require more immediate attention.
- It was reported that drainage was not adequate along Thorpe Lane following heavy rain. The road surface around the Link Road roundabout seems to be causing skidding especially to motorcycles and the surface over the A14 Footpath Bridge was allowing water to ‘pond’ and thus causing spots of black ice in cold weather. The Clerk is to write to Guy Pearce at SCC regarding these matters.
- A broken road sign was reported in Cavendish Road.